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Manual - Adult Foster Care (AFC) Program Manual

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The following acronyms are used in this transmittal:

AFC-Adult Foster Care
AG-Auxiliary Grant
CFC-Child Foster Care
CSB-Community Services Boards
DSS-Department of Social Services
LDSS-Local department(s) of social services

The Adult Services Program has revised the AFC Program Manual. The AFC Program Manual changes included in this transmittal are effective upon receipt. The updated version of the manual replaces the document formerly referred to as Adult Foster Care Policy.

LDSS interested in starting up an AFC program may use the manual to aid in program development. The manual was updated to bring it in line with DSS regulations and DSS initiatives such as Virginia Children's Services System Transformation.

This transmittal and manual are available on SPARK at http://spark.dss.virginia.gov/divisions/dfs/as/manual.cgi and on the DSS public site at http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/manual.cgi.

Significant content changes to the guide are as follows:

Section, page number	Significant Change
Section 3, page 3	Clarified the responsibilities of LDSS
Section 4, page 4	Clarified definitions of AFC LASER Cost Codes
Section 5, page 5	Corrected reference to Adult Services Approved Provider regulations
Section 7, page 5	Clarified information about the Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disability waiver in AFC homes
Section 10, page 7	Clarified LDSS coordination of services with local CSBs
Section 11, page 7	Added information on AFC as an option for youth with special needs who are aging out of child foster care
Appendix B, page 16	Added AFC provider requirements and removed references to various rates of care
Appendix D, page 18	Provided AG rates effective 1/1/10 and provided contact information for DSS AG specialist

Updated table that compares AFC and CFC provider standards Appendix E, page 19

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